पर उसे सुझाव देने हों । समिति को राज्य सरकारों तथा संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासनों के परामर्श से सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली संबंधी परामर्शदात्री परिषद् की 15वीं बैठक में अपनाए गए इस संकल्प से मार्गदर्शन लेना है कि "एक राष्ट्रीय नीति तैयार की जाए जिसमें समाज के जरूरतमंद तथा पात्र वर्गों को और बड़ी तथा सार्थक मात्राओं में आबंटन करने की आवश्यकता पर ध्यान केन्द्रित किया गया हो"।

(घ) समिति से 30 अप्रैल, 1993 तक अपनी रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत करने का अनुरोध किया गया था । तथापि, समिति द्वारा विभिन्न राज्य सरकारों से परामर्श की प्रक्रिया पूरी नहीं हुई है, समिति ने राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासनों से मई के महीने के दौरान भी बैठकें तय कर रखी है।

670. *[Transfered to* 13th *May,* 1993]

Price tags on consumer goods

671. CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH: Will the Min;ster of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION BE pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any mechanism to check that (he price lables or prices displayed on the packets of consumer goods indicate fair and reasonable prices or whether the manufacturers put the prices at their discretion with a view to making enormous profits; and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to set up such a mechanism ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COM MERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) No, Sir. According to the Standards of Weights & Measures (Packaged Ccmmod'ties) Rules, 1977 manufacturer or packer has to indicate among other things, the retail sale price of the package, which is inclusive of all the taxes. The marked price is the maximum limit which a retailsr can charge from consumer. Depending upon the market forces the price stabilises at or lower than the market price. The manufacturer of packer generally fixes the price, taking into account the ex-factory price, dealers margin, profit margin etc. and also the competition and market forces prevailing.

(b) Setting up a Govt, mechanism to check the prices on the wide variety of consumer goods is not practically feasible in a free economy system.

Bogus ration cards in rural areas

672. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the problems, the real consumers are facing due to bogus ration card holders in rural areas of Northern States, particularly in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any investigation| study has been made by Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, what effective measurers have been taken or likely to be taken to solve the problem ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COM MERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (d) The operational responsibility for implementation of Pub lic Distribution System (PDS) rests with the State Governments. Issue of ration cards is done by the State Governments. The Central Government has been empha-

sising the need to eliminate bogus ration cards as well as inflated units on continuous basis through verification. It is difficult for any State Government to precisely estimate the number of bogus cards inflated units in the State as detection and elimination are simultaneous processes. As per reports received from the State Government, units equivalent to 6.79 lakh bogus cards have been eliminated in Bihar between 1-9-1991 to 31-3-1993 During the same period U.P. Government has reported that units equivalent to 55.6 lakh bogus cards were eliminated.

उपभोक्ताओं को समय पर खाद्यान्नों की आपूर्ति

673. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**

श्री मूलचन्द मीणा :

क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले वर्ष दिल्ली में कितने नये राशन कार्ड जारी किये गये हैं;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि राशन कार्डों की संख्या में वृद्धि होने के बावजूद दुकानों की संख्या में वृद्धि नहीं की गयी है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उपभोक्ताओं को उचित दर की दुकानों के माध्यम से अच्छे किस्म के खाद्यान्न समय पर उपलब्ध कराने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ?

नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) से (ग) राशन कार्ड जारी करना, उचित दर की दुकानें खोलना तथा उचित दर की दुकानों को खाद्यान्न का आबंटन, राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासनों के प्रशासकीय अधिकार क्षेत्र में आता है। किसी वर्ष विशेष में जारी किए गए राशन कार्डों तथा खोली गई उचित दर की दुकानों की संख्या के बारे में ब्यौरा केवल राज्य सरकारों तथा संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासनों द्वारा रखा जाता है। तथापि, जहां तक संपुष्ट सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के तहत आने वाले इलाकों का संबंध है, राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासनों ने सूचित किया है कि 1-9-91 से 31-3-93 की अवधि के दौरान लगभग 10433 उचित दर की दुकानें खोली गई हैं और लगभग 25 लाख अतिरिक्त राशन कार्ड जारी किए गए है ।

Public Distribution System in Bombay

674. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
be pleased to state :

(b) what is the total number of ration cards so far issued in different parts of the country;

(b) what is the total number of ration cards issued in Bombay city alone.

(c) what are the items provided from Far Price Shops in Bombay city; and

(d) what is the requirement of edible oil, rice, sugar and other commodities per month for Bombay city; and

(e) what is the supply position thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COM MERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) As per reports received from the State Government UTs. the total number of ration cards is estimated to be 14.2 crores in the country.

(b) to (e) The information is being obtained and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Public Distribution System in Orissa.

675. SHRI BASANT KUMAR DAS : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES,